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EMERGENCY ORDER 139

DIRECTED AGAINST BLOOD-HARDENED MEN

CAMPAIGN TO PROVOKE WAR WITH BRITAIN

—MR. MacENTEE

"THE Order was directed against an organisation controlled by desperate, unscrupulous and blood-hardened men," declared Mr. S. MacEntee, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, opposing, in the Dail yesterday, the motion of Labour deputies which sought to annul the Emergency Powers Order under which the Military Court may accept witnesses' statements as evidence.

The Minister detailed outrages which he attributed to a campaign of armed rebellion by this unlawful organisation, and suggested that it was being fed by vested interests, and that it would be a great mistake to underestimate the havoc it might do to the State.

"I cannot conceive that, in the whole of its history, this nation was ever confronted with graver peril," said Mr. MacEntee, "and any conspiracy designed to embroil the people in war is a grave menace to the State."

Mr. Cosgrave described the Government policy for law and order as an absolute failure. They had from Government benches mention of conspiracy, organised violence and murder, but the name of the organisation was never mentioned.

The situation in the country was, said the Minister for Justice, Mr. Boland, a most serious one—"far worse," he said, "than it was in 1931 or even in 1922. The ultimate fate of the country depends on how we deal with this position."

On a division, the Labour deputies' motion was lost by 71 votes to 20.

MENACE TO THE STATE

Describing the Order as "grave and menacing," Mr. S. MacENTEE, Minister for Local Government and Public Health, said that the Government knew that the situation required it. Standing, a little State in the midst of war closing in from every side, yet determined, passionately and fanatically, to remain at peace, he could not conceive that in the whole of its history the nation ever was confronted with a graver peril. In the minds of the people there was a deep instinct which told them that the nation, whose population contained so few young and adolescent elements, could not endure the blood sacrifice of war and continue to survive. The maintenance of the peace was the paramount policy of the State, and any conspiracy designed to embroil them in war was a menace to the State. The gravest menace of all was a conspiracy which not only sought to embroil the country in war, but challenged the very foundations of Government and policy.

That was the kind of conspiracy they now were facing.

"The heads of this conspiracy issued an ultimatum and declared war on another State in which we were, and are, and desire to remain at peace," he said, "and in pursuance of that ultimatum this organisation carried on a campaign of outrages designed to provoke an attack upon us and to embitter relations, and bring about a state of war between Ireland and Great Britain." What would be the position here if that organisation, back in 1931 or 1938, had succeeded in its objective, and they now found themselves faced with a threat of reprisal from Great Britain?

ARMED REBELLION

In pursuance of a campaign of armed rebellion, that organisation had raided Government magazines, attacked their forces, murdered their police, terrorised their citizens, and claimed the right to exercise the right of life and death over the citizens. That organisation had no qualms about Courts or rules of evidence—they governed by martial law and drumhead courts-martial. It abrogated to itself a competent military authority, to whom the forces of the State, upon whom they relied for the defence of their liberty, were "enemy" forces. When they asked young men to join the Defence Forces they were asking them to put themselves in peril of their lives at the hands of this competent military authority, who regarded them as "enemy" forces.

The Minister spoke of the numerous instances of crime in the campaign of armed rebellion, mentioning the "kidnapping, imprisonment and projected murder of the one-time head of this unlawful organisation," and said that it would be a great mistake if the people underestimated the harm, havoc, and damage which the organisation might do to the State.

"I don't believe that this organisation is dying and must ultimately finish of its own accord," he said. "I am not certain that there is not a vested interest in the continuance of that organisation, and I do not believe that if we treated its members with clemency and mercy it would die in the ordinary course.

FED FROM UNKNOWN SOURCES

"There has grown up around it a set of vested interests, which are fed, for one reason or another, from sources which we cannot describe, and I can only guess at. We believe that those who control it are desperate, unscrupulous and blood-hardened men, who will stop at nothing to enforce their decisions on their associates. Until recently this organisation was well supplied with funds, and considerable sums of money were found on people arrested, but that had not happened recently. Instead, there was an outbreak of robberies on post offices."

He believed, he said, that the organisation had many hangers-on on its fringes, and that every time the organisation achieved a success against the State it got recruits from this fringe, and that lately there had been such an increase, due to recent happenings. The courts, especially the Special Criminal Court, had not been set up to protect the criminal, but to protect the citizen.

REPLY TO TERRORISM

What, asked Mr. MacEntee, had the Opposition to offer in place of the Order? When the countryside was terrorised they had to adopt new methods. There was nothing in the Order to make the court pay more attention to a written statement than to a blood-stained piece of rag. As soon as any person makes a statement the organisation against which the Order is directed takes steps to intimidate him or put him out of the way. It had always been a temptation to this organisation to murder a person who made it. So far as this Order stood, that temptation will be lessened.

"We are faced by a dangerous conspiracy," said the Minister, "and this Order will enable the Government to deal with this conspiracy and break it up."

Mr. McGILLIGAN (F.C., Dublin) said that the only attempt at justifying the Order was the phrase of the Minister for Justice about certain organisations endeavouring to bring in outsiders, but that had been withdrawn by the Taoiseach.

NEED FOR THE ORDER

Mr. E. CHILDERS (F.F.) said that when unity was more necessary than ever, this organisation began to show its hand more ruthlessly than before. The moderate methods of the Government had failed to produce discipline with regard to the organisation and stern methods had to be employed. The pseudo constitutionalists attached to this organisation believed that they could far more adequately take action both as regards attacking a foreign Power and making contact with a foreign Power, than the Government could. Some of them went so far as to openly state that they could not trust any party in the House in this regard, and that they were prepared to enter into negotiations or make an attack at a time when the emergency became more acute.

MR. COSGRAVE'S VIEWS

"In my view, an Order such as this should not be in the hands of any Government except a National Government, and that is an impossibility, if for no other reason than the existence of the head of the Government at the present moment," declared Mr. W. T. COSGRAVE (F.G., Cork), when he intimated that he would not vote for the motion.

He described Government policy in respect of law and order a complete failure. The real weakness of the Government case was, he said, that, though mention had been made of conspiracy and organised violence and murder, yet the head of the Government had not once mentioned the name of the organisation. If they wanted to ensure public confidence they should take the public into their confidence. How many young men had joined that organisation without the knowledge of their parents, who had to endure the anguish, suffering and degradation that flowed from the organisation?

The name of the organisation ought to be mentioned, and it was their duty to tell the parents and the young men that it was a national crime to join it. "If it be the intention now to take off the gloves against organised crime here, under no circumstances let there be an innocent man found guilty by any Court, taking the Order as the basis of the prosecution. The opposition members are at one with all proper steps to put down organised crime. I will accept the statement of the Minister for the necessity for the Order more by what he left unsaid than by what he said, and I find myself unable to vote for the motion. To support it is quite another matter. Are we not entitled at least to an undertaking that it will be used only against those in the illegal organisation and conspiracy, and it ought not remain Statute law longer than three months?"

The peculiar phase of the administration whereby the Government directed a prosecution, and then could review the decision of the Court, ought, he added, to be reviewed.

MINISTER'S PROMISE

Mr. FRANK AIKEN, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defensive Measures, said that the Government had no hesitation in promising that everything possible would be done to see that no innocent person suffered and they also would do all that they could to see that guilty persons were punished. He had no hesitation in giving the guarantee that the Order would be used only against illegal organisations or organisations banding themselves together to commit such crime. If the Government did not come forward next September for the renewal of the Emergency Powers Act the Act would lapse then—that was the time limit Mr. Cosgrave asked for. The Government took full responsibility for sending a man before the Military Court and for executing him if he were condemned by that Court.

"I hope," said Mr. Aiken, "that the young men who are being misled into this organisation which abrogates to itself the honourable name of I.R.A. will give up their membership. They have seen the depths to which it has deteriorated and the type of weed that has come to the top. That is not an organisation for an honourable young man who wants to see the country progress.

Mr. BOLAND said—"I say that the position to-day is infinitely worse than in 1931, for the simple reason that we have a state of affairs that we never had before. There is a body of men here who do not care what they do to endanger the situation. I am amazed that Deputy Norton does not know that. He knows well a great deal of what I know, and I am amazed that for the sake of getting a sort of ephemral popularity the deputy should undermine our position in attempting to put down organised murder. It is no pleasure to me to tackle this thing, but I will tackle it. There are 500 men interned, and that was not the case in 1931.

MR. NORTON'S REPLY

Replying to the debate, Mr. NORTON said that with their eyes open they were making it possible for a military court, the creature of the Government, to sentence a dozen men to death on the unsigned, unsworn evidence of an unknown person. It was grossly dishonest to suggest that when the House agreed to set up the court, it understood it was to be used against our own citizens in this way. They understood it was to be operated to preserve the country against invasion. The concern of the Labour Party was not for the I.R.A., but for the ordinary innocent man who might be brought before the court and was entitled to a fair trial.

The motion was lost by 71 votes to 20.

AXIS CLAIMS BENGHAZI

SECOND ROUND OF DESERT FIGHT

THE German High Command, in a special announcement yesterday, stated: "German and Italian troops occupied Benghazi this morning."—(Reuter.)

A similar annoucement was made from Rome.

In London, says Associated Press, it had already been stated that in view of the flow of battle in Libya it would not be surprising to learn of the fall of the city, and a despatch from Cairo pointed out that it was indefensible and had never been defended. Benghazi has changed hands four times, and was recaptured by British forces at Christmas.

FIELD-MARSHAL

Herr Hitler has promoted General Rommel, commanding the German Afrika Corps, to the rank of General-Oberst (Field-Marshal, Second Class), in recognition of his services, the "Fuehrer's Headquarters" announced.—(Reuter.)

A German High Command spokesman attributed the "new Axis successes" in Libya in great measure to the "heroic resistance" of the defenders of Halfaya and Sollum. They drew away the masses of the British troops and gave Rommel the opportunity to make preparations in Western Cyrenaica.—(Reuter.)

ROUND TWO

CAIRO, Thursday.—Rommel's thrust at Benghazi means that he has had to divert his main strength away from his inland drive in the direction of Mechili. By continuing this drive he would have had to leave the considerable British forces in the Benghazi area as a threat to his rear. He, therefore, left a holding force near Msus, turned the main body of his army back on their tracks, and threw them against Benghazi.

There is no disposition in Cairo to minimise the setback which the loss of the Benghazi area, with its useful airfields, would mean for the British troops. The decisive battle, however, has not yet been joined. The Germans have not yet come up against General Ritchie's most powerful dispositions in Western Cyrenaica.

The tendency towards a stabilisation of the front, which had been apparent for two days, has now come to an end. Round two of the contest is opening. In round one, by aggressive tactics, the Axis made not a little headway, but they received heavy punishment from British planes.

The R.A.F. Middle East communiqué yesterday says:—

"Throughout yesterday our fighters and bomber aircraft carried out continuous and highly successful attacks on the enemy forces operating in the battle area of Western Cyrenaica. Low flying machine-gun and cannon attacks by our fighters achieved outstanding results, and in the Msus region a number of petrol lorries were burnt out, and armoured fighting vehicles, as well as troop-carrying transport and other mobile units, were severely damaged. Many enemy troops were killed. To the south of Benghazi at least 50 motor transport vehicles were destroyed."

U-BOAT RAMMED

An official British Admiralty *communiqué* last night says:—

"A U-boat has been rammed by the De Gaullist corvette, Roselys (Lieutenant De Vaisseau Andre Bergeret) while on convoy escort duty.

"The U-boat was seen on the surface on the starboard of the Roselys at a range of about 400 yards. The corvette's helm was at once put over to ram. The U-boat crashed, dived, but was not quick enough, and the corvette rammed the U-boat.

"As the Roselys passed clear, depth charges were dropped. Since no prisoners were taken and no wreckage was picked up, it is impossible to say that this U-boat was destroyed, but there can be no doubt that it was seriously damaged. No casualties nor damage of any consequence was suffered by the Roselys."

BRITISH LOSE A DESTROYER

In the first engagement to be reported between British and Japanese surface vessels, two British destroyers sank one Japanese destroyer and damaged another, according to a British Admiralty communiqué, which adds that the British destroyer Thanet, 905 tons, was also sunk and that there are hopes that many of her crew reached shore.

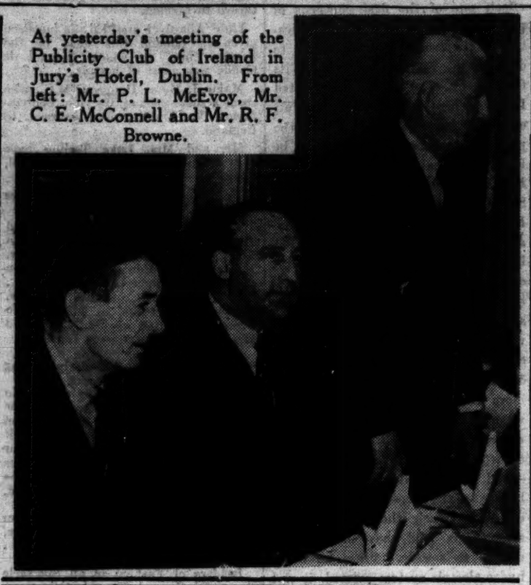
Japanese Imperial Headquarters report, says Reuter: "The British destroyer, Thanet, was sunk in a naval engagement off Endau on January 27, when two Japanese destroyers intercepted her and the destroyer Vampire, which left Singapore to impede Japanese landing operations off the east coast of Malaya.

"Vampire managed to flee from the battle. None of the Japanese destroyers was damaged."

CANADIAN LINER SUNK

250 AMERICANS AND BRITISH LOST

NEW YORK, Thursday.—Axis submarines inflicted the heaviest loss yet suffered by the Allies off United States waters, when 250 persons, including British and Americans, were lost from the 7,988-ton Canadian liner, Lady Hawkins, torpedoed on January 19. One boatload of 71 survivors was picked up and landed at San Juan, Porto Rico, where they were taken to hospital. Originally 76 survivors were in the boat, but five died from exposure. A two and a half years old child laughed and thought it all great fun. Once she had fever, but they gave her a spoonful of brandy and she recovered and was among those landed.—(Associated Press.)



At yesterday's meeting of the Publicity Club of Ireland in Jury's Hotel, Dublin. From left: Mr. P. L. McEvoy, Mr. C. E. McConnell and Mr. R. F. Browne.

JAPANESE ATTACKS BROKEN

—U.S. CLAIM

THE battle in Malaya continues with unabated violence, the Japanese advancing slowly, despite stubborn resistance by British and Australian forces. Yesterday strong counter-attacks caused heavy losses to Japanese infantry and over Singapore attacking planes suffered some losses.

In the Philippines, the U.S. War Department states, Japanese attacks were broken in the Bataan Peninsula by heavy artillery fire, and a Japanese transport was sunk off Balik Papan, in the Macassar Straits.

A Dutch communiqué reported new Japanese landings at Pemangkat, on the west coast of Borneo, and a threat to Pontianak. The Dutch troops are everywhere putting up a stubborn resistance, notably in the vicinity of Balik Papan and Kendari.

Reports from Burma indicate that a big battle is approaching on the banks of the Salmeen river, and air battles are frequent. Meanwhile, the Japanese claim that their advance on Moulmein is unchecked.—(Reuter.)

JAPANESE LOSSES HEAVY

SINGAPORE, Thursday.—To-day's war communiqué says:—"Reports now received from the East coast front show that on January 27 a successful action was carried out by Australian troops, the enemy being caught between our forward elements and the fire of our artillery. Enemy casualties were estimated to be about 250, whilst our own were about 30. In this area our troops are in contact with the enemy about Ulu Sedili. On Wednesday, on the centre sector of the front, a company of an Australian battalion successfully counter-attacked the enemy with bayonets. Enemy casualties are estimated at 200, with, it is believed, no loss to our own troops.

"In this sector our troops are in contact with the enemy in the Layang-Layang area. There was considerable enemy air activity in this area throughout Wednesday. There is no change to report in the situation in the western sector. A further 570 of our troops who were cut off in the Batu Pahat area have now joined our main bodies. Reports show that no military damage was caused on Wednesday in raids made by enemy aircraft on the Singapore area.

"A formation of enemy bombers which approached Singapore island this morning was driven off by our fighter aircraft and forced to jettison their bombs. Reports indicate that as the result of this interception one enemy aircraft was destroyed, and another was probably destroyed. Other formations attacked targets on the island. Reports of damage and casualties have not yet been received. In addition to the one enemy aircraft announced as damaged during Tuesday's raids on Singapore, one fighter was destroyed and one damaged. Reports now show that in the Singapore area our anti-aircraft defences shot down for certain one enemy aircraft on the 27th and one on the 28th.

BORNEO BATTLES

LONDON, Thursday.—The following communiqué was issued by the headquarters of the Netherlands East Indies forces at Batavia:—"Japanese troops landed at Pemangkat, on the west coast of Borneo south of Kuching, and heavy pressure was exerted on our troops operating in those regions. Notwithstanding firm resistance, the Japanese are obtaining local successes, and Pontianak is being threatened. All important objectives on the spot have been destroyed by us. Naval aircraft carried out action against the Japanese units in that area.

"Further reports from Kendari now state that the Japanese landing in the vicinity of Kendari, which was effected at two points, was covered by the fire of Japanese warships. Strong resistance is being continued, and our troops have held their positions. An air attack was again carried out on Emmahaven. There were again no casualties. Damage was inflicted on the ships lying there. On several points in the outer provinces air activity continues, while the enemy is apparently carrying out much air reconnaissance. Reports from the vicinity of Balik Papan make it clear that there, too, resistance on our part is stubbornly continuing."

JAPANESE BOAST

TOKYO, Thursday—The claim that Japanese naval 'planes had gained "complete air supremacy" over the Strait of Macassar, the Ceram (Serang) Sea, the Mulucca Passage, the Flores Sea and the Banda Sea, was made by Japanese Imperial Headquarters. In addition, 45 enemy 'planes, including four unconfirmed, had been shot down or destroyed in the South Sea region during Monday and Tuesday. Four Japanese 'planes were said to be missing. The announcement added that Japanese special units and bluejackets who landed at Kendari, in the Island of Celebes, completely occupied the town on Monday after mopping-up operations.

RANGOON, Thursday — The Army communiqué states:—"On the Tenasserim front the situation in general remains unchanged. There has been some slight activity to the south, where our troops have engaged a small enemy force.—(Reuter.)

TOKYO, Thursday—Japanese troops advancing on Moulmein, in Burma, claim to have reached the east bank of the Salween River, where heavy fighting is in progress, says Domei.—(Reuter.)

U.S. CLAIMS

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—A War Department communiqué states:—Philippine Theatre—Headlong enemy infantry assaults on the right and left flanks of our troops in the Batan Peninsula were broken up by our artillery fire. Enemy losses were heavy. Activity by hostile aircraft was limited to reconnaissance flights.

Netherland Indies:—A third attack by heavy American bombers on Japanese shipping in the Macassar Strait resulted in the destruction of an enemy transport in Balik Papan harbour. Another transport was set on fire. Two enemy fighting 'planes were shot down, and a third damaged. Five of our bombers participated in the attack, and all returned to their base."—(Reuter).

The Navy Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives refused, by 14 votes to 6, to undertake a supplementary inquiry into the Pearl harbour disaster.—(The Associated Press).

4,000 BRITISH PRISONERS

LONDON, Thursday.—In the battle of Senggaraug, on the west coast of Malaya, the Japanese captured 4,000 British prisoners, and destroyed or captured 140 guns, 164 tanks and 263 motor vehicles, German radio said. The final phase of the battle for Johore was about to start, the announcement added, and British forces were retreating all along the line, as their road to Singapore was in danger of being cut by a Japanese flank attack.—(Associated Press.)

BEER MAY BE RATIONED

8,000,000 GALLONS OF WHISKEY IN BOND

Beer rationing was forecast by Mr. M. A. Cole, in his presidential address to the annual general meeting of the Dublin Section of the Licensed Grocers' and Vintners' Protection Association in Dublin yesterday.

Mr. Cole referred to the announcement—first made in the *Irish Times* on January 7—that the Government had suspended the malting of barley, and said that the brewers were awaiting a direction from the Government. Malting had been stopped, and brewers were working on reserves. Only for these reserves, production of beer would have stopped. An unofficial rationing of whiskey had been started by the distillers, and the Minister for Supplies assured them that there were ample supplies in the country. It was reputed that there were 8,000,000 gallons of whiskey in bond here, and there was no reason for rationing to the trade. They had worked on the wine reserves during the year, and all was far from well. There had been an increase in trade in the city centre, due largely to the influx of country and Northern visitors in quest of goods. Convictions for drunkenness in Eire amounted to 2,405 during the year, compared with 3,463 in 1932.

Mr. C. E. Reddin, secretary, said that licences for the export of whiskey would be considered by the Government in the light of all the facts the Association put before them. Mr. P. Conway said that people were coming in and buying whiskey at exorbitant prices, and denuding the country of stocks.

The Chairman said that he was quite sure that all the members of the trade would do their best to help the food drive.

DUBLIN LICENSING HOURS

The Minister for Justice has agreed to receive a deputation from the Licensed Vintners' and Grocers' Protection Association to discuss changes in the licensing laws in city areas. Hour changes to be suggested by the association include:—11 a.m. to 11 p.m. with a break from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on week-days, and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a break from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

BUILDING WORKERS' PAY WHEN IDLE

A scheme to pay workmen in the building and allied trades for broken time is outlined in a bill the text of which was issued yesterday. This is entitled the Insurance (Intermittent Unemployment) Bill, 1939. It provides for the establishment of a fund to which skilled workers will pay 8d. weekly; unskilled workers and employers, 5d. each; workers under 21 years, 2d. each. An insured person will, for the day he is unemployed, be paid at the following rate:—Skilled worker, 1s.; unskilled worker, 7½d.; and young person, 3d. Payment will be made by the employer, who will recover from the fund.

RUSSIANS FACE A "WALL OF STEEL"

RECAPTURE OF MANY TOWNS

AS news of continued Russian successes, including the capture of Sukhinichi, was reported from Moscow, a Stockholm despatch quoted German sources for the statement that the Germans had built a wall of steel which the Russians would not pierce.

MOSCOW, Thursday.—Reuter's correspondent here says: "German troop-carrying 'planes, filled with reserves from German garrisons in Denmark, France and Norway, are being flung into the Leningrad-Smolensk gap in an attempt to stem the Soviet advance. Many of these airborne units are already at the front. They have suffered heavy losses, and one battalion was wiped out soon after going into action.

COUNTER-ATTACKS

"After capturing a railway station, the Russians reached the banks of a river, from the further side of which the Germans are attempting a determined stand. A fierce battle for the crossing is in progress. In another sector the German retreat has become a rout. Here Soviet tanks and infantry, armed with automatic rifles, attacked from the rear one German unit, and out of 1,200 only 70 escaped alive. Though the Germans are launching local counter-attacks in some sectors, the Soviet advance has not been stopped on any part of the line on this front. On the Kalinin front, where the Germans are facing encirclement at Rzhev, 35 more villages have been recaptured in the past 24 hours. Nine hundred Germans were killed."

GERMANY SAYS

BERLIN, Thursday.—Claims that repeated attacks by two Soviet battalions were repulsed on the southern sector of the Eastern front two days ago are made by the German News Agency. "Wherever enemy groups succeeded in approaching the German positions they were counter-attacked, thrown back and wiped out. Despite a blizzard, the Germans maintained their position. More than 300 dead and wounded Soviet troops were counted in front of the German line."—(Reuter.)

TOWNS CAPTURED

Last night's Soviet communiqué said:—"During the day of January 29 our troops continued to fight stubborn battles with the enemy. The German Army counter-attacked on several sectors, but were beaten off with big losses to them. Our units advanced and occupied several inhabited localities, including the towns of Sukhinichi, Nyatlevo (west front), Lozovaya (south-west front) and Vardenkovo (southern front)." — (Associated Press.)

LONDON, Thursday.—"The Russians yesterday penetrated the German lines in a violent snowstorm on the central front, but only with small groups, which were soon thrown back," said the German Radio. Eleven Soviet aircraft were destroyed in the northern sector without loss to the Germans, it was claimed.—(Reuter.)

THE FUEHRER TO BROADCAST TO-DAY

Herr Hitler is expected to broadcast from all German stations to-day at 5 p.m., according to the Associated Press.

DWINDLING TOBACCO PROFITS

RETAILERS AND TRADE PROBLEMS

The year had been one of restrictions, confusion and annoyance to the trade, said Mr. W. H. Morton, outgoing president, at the annual meeting of the Dublin and Provincial Retail Tobacconists' Association, in Jury's Hotel, Dublin, last night.

For some years, Mr. Morton said, profits had been dwindling, until to-day, when small profits in conjunction with restricted output, plus increased overhead charges, made any business success a treble problem. The membership of the Association was not nearly as strong as it should be.

Mr. J. G. Gogan said that they had allowed their trade to be invaded by every Tom, Dick and Harry, who sold tobacco and cigarettes as a side line, and it was time to call a halt to that trend. He suggested that representations should be made to the manufacturers in regard to the packing of cigarettes, and that they should be asked to provide some means of tying cigarettes together if they were to be sold loose.

The Chairman said that the committee already had made representations to the manufacturers, and one firm of manufacturers had replied that they were very much afraid that they could not consider the issue of suitable paper containers nor the making of a cash allowance to traders to enable them to provide containers.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. F. Bridgman, said that some wholesale tobacconists were selling their stocks at retail prices, and so netting double profits. He urged that that matter should be taken up by the committee.

Mr. J. F. McInerney said that he was sure that the Association would take up any case in which a retailer had got a raw deal from a wholesaler, provided the retailer came forward with the information.

Mr. R. S. Motyer was elected President and Mr. A. J. Cahill Vice-President. Mr. Bridgman was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Mr. J. L. Keogh Treasurer.

T.C.D. LIBRARY

PROVOST'S DEMAND

A demand for a withdrawal of the suggestions that Trinity College, Dublin, was making money by selling books received free under the Copyright Law has been made to the London *Times* by Dr. W. E. Thrift, Provost, and Dr. J. Gilbart Smyly, Librarian.

In a letter to the *Times* it is stated:—

"... Mr. Unwin's statement that 'access to the Library appeared to be severely restricted' is not in accordance with the facts. If a member of the outside public makes application to the proper authorities, no reasonable application to read a book, which is only accessible here (in the Library), is ever refused. His further suggestion that we make money by selling books is quite unfounded.

"We demand a withdrawal of these two suggestions."

The letter is written under yesterday's date.

MR. CHURCHILL'S BIG VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

DEFENCE OF FAR EAST NAVAL STRATEGY

THE House of Commons yesterday approved Mr. Churchill's motion of confidence by a majority of 464 votes to one.

Having undertaken to consider the various points raised in the debate, Mr. Churchill announced that, as President Roosevelt had appointed Mr. Donald Nelson to supervise the whole field of American production, some similar post would be formed in Britain.

He welcomed the arrival of American troops and airmen.

In regard to shortcomings in the Far East, he took responsibility for broad strategic dispositions, but said that scandals and inefficiency occurring on the spot would be probed.

Mr. Churchill described as "mischievous and untrue" the statement that he had countermanded the order that an aircraft-carrier should accompany the battleships Prince of Wales and Repulse.

Mr. Churchill described the debate as far-reaching in character and of memorable importance, and renewed his request for a vote of confidence.

"During my visit to America," he said, "events occurred which altered in a decisive way the question of creating a Ministry of Production. President Roosevelt has appointed Mr. Donald Nelson to supervise the whole field of American production. All the resources of our two countries are now pooled in shipping and munitions and in raw materials, and some similar office with, I will not say exactly the same scope, but similar scope, must be created here if that complete, smooth-working on a harmonious level between Great Britain and the United States is to be maintained on the highest level.

"I have been for some weeks carefully considering it, and the strong opinions which have been expressed in the House, even though I do not share their reasonings in all respects, have reinforced the conclusion with which I returned from the United States. I will not anticipate any advice that it might be my duty to tender to the Crown.

ARRIVAL OF U.S. FORCES

There were only a few points with which he wanted to deal, but they were important points. "The first," he said, "is the advantages not only to Britain, but to the Empire, of the arrival of a powerful American Army and Air Force in the United Kingdom... We must consider this arrival of the American Army as giving us a latitude of manœuvre which we had not hitherto possessed. Certainly the presence in our islands of a force of heavy, but unknown, strength, and the establishment of a broader bridgehead between us and the New World constitutes an important additional deterrent to invasion at a time when the successful invasion of these islands is Hitler's last remaining hope of total victory. The fact—and I am addressing myself to what has been said about aiding and succouring Australia and New Zealand—that well equipped American divisions can be soon got to these islands so easily and rapidly will enable substantial supplies of weapons and munitions, now being made in the United States for our account, to be sent direct on the other side of the world to Australia and New Zealand to meet the new dangers of home defence which are cast upon them by the Japanese war.

[Mr. Churchill's reference to Ireland will be found elsewhere in this page.]

SHORTCOMINGS IN FAR EAST

Turning to criticisms of "the admitted inadequacy of our operations to meet the full onslaught" of the Japanese in Malaya and the Far East, Mr. Churchill said:—"I do not, of course, pretend that there may not have been avoidable shortcomings and mistakes, or that more foresight might not have been shown in making use of our resources, limited though those resources were. While I take full responsibility for the broad strategic dispositions, that does not mean that scandals or inefficiency, misbehaviour of functionaries at a particular moment, or in particular places, occurring on the spot, will not be probed, and that they will be covered by the general support which I give to our commanders in the field.

"A part of what we sent to Russia would have made us safe, it is said. But would it have made us far better prepared in Burma and Malaya than we were?

"We did not make such a reduction, and I believe that the vast majority of opinion in all parts of the House and in the country endorses our decision now, and if they had to go back they would take it again, even though they see now what serious consequences have arisen."

Of the Libyan campaign, Mr. Churchill said: "We hoped to remove, and we probably have removed, the menace to the Nile Valley from the West for a considerable time, thus liberating important forces, and still more important transport, to meet what seemed to be an impending attack through the Caucasus from the North. This was the only place where we could open a second front against the enemy. We have been over this ground in Cyrenaica twice before. Even if we have to do a part of it a third time, as seems possible, there is no reason why the campaign should not retain its profitable character, and no reason why the war in North-East Africa should not become a dangerous drain and festering sore to German and Italian resources.

LOST BATTLESHIPS

"There is one episode of a tactical and strategic character about which many questions have been asked in both Houses," said Mr. Churchill, "That is the despatch from this country of the Prince of Wales and the operation which led to the sinking of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse. It was the policy of the War Cabinet and the Defence Committee, initiated by the Naval Staff, to operate in the Indian Ocean with a battle squadron based mainly on Singapore, and it was hoped, in co-operation with the United States, to give effect to the general protective work in the joint protection of the Far Eastern waters. I am not at liberty to state how these plans stand at the present time, but I can assure you that nothing was left undone to repair the heavy losses which have been sustained.

"The decision to send these ships in advance to the Far East was taken in the hope, primarily, of deterring Japan from going to war at all, or of deterring Japan from sending convoys into the Gulf of Siam. The Prince of Wales was the only ship available which could reach the spot in time for any deterrent effect.

"The suggestion of Sir Archibald Southby, that the Naval Staff desired to send an aircraft carrier and were overruled by me is as mischievous as it is untrue. (Cheers.)

"It was always the intention that any fast ship proceeding to the Far East should be accompanied by an aircraft carrier; unfortunately at the time, with the exception of the aircraft carrier in home waters, not a single ship of this kind was available."

Replying to criticism of Admiral Tom Phillips's action, Mr. Churchill said: "In the opinion of the Board of Admiralty, which I feel it my duty to pronounce, the risks which Admiral Phillips took were fair and reasonable in the light of the knowledge which he had of the enemy, when compared with the very urgent and vital issues at stake, on which the whole safety of Malaya might have depended."

"CAN DO NO HARM TO MR. DE VALERA"

MR. CHURCHILL ON U.S. TROOPS IN IRELAND

Speaking in the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Churchill said that the arrival of American troops and airmen in the United Kingdom met the wish of the American people and the leaders of the Republic that the large mass of trained and equipped troops they had in the United States "should come into contact with the enemy as close and as soon as possible."

"This whole business," he added, "cannot do Mr. de Valera any harm. It might even do him some good. It certainly offers a measure of protection to Southern Ireland and to Ireland as a whole which he would not otherwise enjoy."

HOW THE BARHAM WAS SUNK

DOWN IN FOUR MINUTES OFF SOLLUM

THE British Admiralty announcement of the sinking of the battleship Barham, on November 25, releases the last despatch written by Massey Anderson, Reuter's Special Correspondent with the Mediterranean Fleet, before he went down in the cruiser Galatea.

The despatch describing the sinking of the Barham follows.

ALEXANDRIA, Thursday.—A dramatic eye-witness account of the sinking of the veteran battleship Barham off Sollum on the afternoon of November 25, following four torpedo hits amidships, when the battleship Valiant tried to ram the German submarine, which immediately surfaced, was given me by Captain C. E. Morgan, of the Valiant.

"It was like something one sees on films," he said. "The 35,000-ton ship disappeared with unbelievable suddenness. It was only 4 mins. 45 secs. exactly from the moment the torpedoes struck until she had completely disappeared.

"Our battleships were proceeding westwards, line ahead, with the Valiant immediately after the Barham, and with a destroyer screen thrown out ahead of the battle fleet.

"At 4.23 p.m., carrying out a normal zig-zag, we turned to port together, thus bringing the ships into echelon formation, when suddenly, at 4.25 p.m., I heard a loud explosion, followed by two further explosions a couple of seconds later. Fountains of water and two enormous columns of smoke shot skywards. . . .

"As the explosions occurred, the officer on watch gave the command, 'hard to port,' to keep clear. Fifteen seconds later, when we had already started to turn to port, I saw a submarine break the surface, possibly forced there by the explosions. It was apparently making to cross the Valiant's bows between us and the Barham. . . .

"The submarine was visible for about 45 seconds,, and, simultaneously with our ramming efforts, we fired with our pom-poms. He was so close that we were unable to depress the guns sufficiently, and the shells passed over the conning-tower.

"I then gave the order "amidships" again to avoid turning into the Barham, which was still under way, with her engines running, but listing heavily to port.

"As we came up on her beam she heeled further, and through the smoke I could see all her quarter-deck and forecastle. Men were jumping into the water and running up on the forecastle. The Barham was rolling on a perfectly even keel, with neither bows nor stern sticking into the air.

"For one minute she seemed to hang in this position, then, at 4.28 p.m., she suddenly rolled violently, her mainmast striking the surface of the sea sharply a few seconds later. I saw water pouring into her funnels. There followed big explosions amidships, from which belched huge clouds of black and brown smoke, intermingled with flames. Pieces of wreckage flung high into the air were scattered far and wide. It was the last we saw of her. She had run almost a mile after being hit.

"The screening destroyers, which were some distance ahead, sped back and dropped depth-charges, while others picked up survivors."

The incredible speed with which the Barham sank took a heavy toll of lives, some 700 being lost. Many of the 450 survivors had miraculous escapes, being blown high into the air from inside the ship.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

GAIETY THEATRE
7.30 — ONCE NIGHTLY. — 7.30.
MATINEES
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY, 2.30.
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Nightly at 8 p.m. Mat. Sat., 2.30 p.m.
" THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL."
By Richard Brinsley Sheridan.

METROPOLE To-day at 2.20, 4.40, 6.50, 9.0
BING CROSBY, MARY MARTIN,
" BIRTH OF THE BLUES."

GRAFTON Continuous 2 to 10.30 2.5, 4.25, 6.45, 9.5.
DON AMECHE—MARY MARTIN, in
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Dublin's Super Cinema—3.0-10.30 p.m.
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CORINTHIAN.
JOAN WOODBURY,
" PAPER BULLETS." 2.24, 4.46, 7.8, 9.30
JOHNNY DOWNS,
" REDHEAD." 3.33, 5.55, 8.17.

ASTORIA Dun Laoghaire. At 4.20, 6.50, 9.20.
W. C. Fields in
" THE BANK DETECTIVE."
Also the Ritz Bros. in
" ARGENTINE NIGHTS."

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

SACRED HEART HOME,

40 DRUMCONDRA ROAD, DUBLIN.

The Annual CHARITY SERMON in aid of the Sacred Heart Home will be preached in St. Francis Xavier's Church, Upper Gardiner street, by Very Rev. F. McGRATH, SJ., on SUNDAY, 1st. FEBRUARY, 1942.

In the Evening another Appeal will be made in the Church of St. Columba, Drumcondra, by the Rev. S. KELLEHER, B.A.

The Home was founded nearly 60 years ago to provide for children of Catholic parents whose faith was endangered by the Proselytising Agencies working in their midst. To-day parents driven desperate by want are being bribed to sell the souls of their children to the same Agencies.

Since its foundation over five thousand children have been rescued and at present there are over three hundred being provided for at a cost of over £5,000 per annum.

The Home has no grant, and depends solely on the subscriptions and donations of the charitable public. The expense, therefore, of maintaining the Home is considerable but the Committee and the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul trust that the work cannot be abandoned as long as danger threatens the souls of those little children.

Faced by want of money, and by the indifference of those who shut their eyes to the ever present danger of Proselytism, they appeal to the warmhearted generosity of the Catholic people of Ireland to help.

Subscriptions will be received by His Grace the Archbishop; by the Rev. Preachers; The President, Mrs. G. MacGinty, 24 Burlington road, Dublin; the Hon. Treasurer, Miss Redington Roche, 31 Angiesea road, Dublin; the Ladies of the Committee; and the Sisters at the Home.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS.

EXAMINATION FOR MALE CLERKSHIPS.

Notice is hereby given that a Competitive Examination for Male Clerkships will be held in Dublin on Wednesday, 8th April, 1942.

The Examination will be open to all persons ordinarily resident in Ireland, desiring to compete, provided the Candidate is not under 16 years of age or over 19 years of age on the date of the Examination and produces references to character to the satisfaction of the Company.

The Candidates will be examined in the following subjects:—

(1) IRISH	200 Marks
(2) ENGLISH	200 Marks
(3) MATHEMATICS	300 Marks
(4) GEOGRAPHY	200 Marks
(5) HANDWRITING and ORTHOGRAPHY	100 Marks

Application of Candidate, together with Registrar's Certificate of Birth, two testimonials as to character, and an entrance fee of 10/- must be sent to the undersigned so as to reach him not later than Wednesday, 4th March, 1942.

Application Forms and Regulations as to the appointment of Male Clerks embodying the Syllabus of the Examination, etc., may be obtained on applying to the undersigned.

H. S. COE, Secretary.
Kingsbridge Station, Dublin.
January, 1942.

NOTICE PUBLISHING TIME AND PLACE OF AUDIT.

DUBLIN UNION.

Notice is hereby given, that the Audit of the Accounts of the Board of Assistance of the above-named Union for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1941, will be opened at the Boardroom of the Workhouse of the Union by S. O h-Ealuighthe, Local Government Auditor, on the 7th day of February, 1942, at the hour of Eleven O'Clock, a.m., when and where objections to any matter contained in the said several Accounts will be heard. The Accounts will be open during office hours to the inspection of all persons interested for seven days before the Audit.

Dated the 29th day of January, 1942.
JAMES E. S. CONDON,
Clerk of the Union.
Boardroom, 1 Jackson's street, Dublin.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

The Council will, on the 10th February, 1942, proceed to the appointment of two Examiners to the Pharmaceutical Assistants' Examination.

Applications should be lodged with the Registrar on or before the 4th February, 1942.

Candidates may supply members of the Council with copies of their testimonials, etc., but personal canvassing will cause disqualification.

JAMES J. KERR, M.P.S.I., P.C.
REGISTRAR.
67 Lower Mount street, Dublin.

SOLICITORS' BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting of this Association, pursuant to Rule No. 19, will be held at the INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY'S BUILDING, FOUR COURTS, DUBLIN, TO-DAY, FRIDAY, THE 30th JANUARY, 1942, Chair to be taken at 2 p.m.

By Order,
PATRICK GLYNN, Secretary.
Your attendance at the Meeting is urgently requested.

BELFAST ADVERTISERS. — Advertisements for next day's issue are received at our Branch Office, 56 Donegall street, up to 4.30 p.m.

ROYAL 3 SHOWS IN 1.
Robert Preston, " THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 16th." At 1.50, 5.35, 9.20
Brenda Joyce in " MARRY THE BOSS'S DAUGHTER." At 3.10, 6.55.
" OUT OF THE BOTTLE" at 4.15, 8.0.
SUNDAY—BOOK FOR NIGHT SHOW.
A Hurricane of Thrills.
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Brenda Joyce in
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BETTE DAVIS, GEORGE BRENT, MARY ASTOR, in
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GEORGE FORMBY in
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Anne Shirley and Richard Carlson in
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VIVIEN LEIGH, LAURENCE OLIVIER, in John Galsworthy's
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Also Brenda Joyce in " Private Nurse."

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Gary Cooper — Madeleine Carroll in
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Offers, which should be marked "Tender, Timber, Mountshannon," will be received up to mid-day February 16th, 1942, and should be addressed to: The Secretary, Department of Lands, Forestry Division, 88 Merrion Square, Dublin, C.17.

The Department does not undertake to accept the highest or any tender.
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AN ROINN TALMHAIDHEACHTA (DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE).

FLAX ACT, 1936.

The Government have made an Order, entitled the Emergency Powers (No. 142) Order, 1942, suspending, in respect of the sale season 1942-43, certain provisions of the Flax Act, 1936. The Order is being placed on sale, and copies may be purchased from the Government Publications Sale Office, 3/4 College Street, Dublin, or through any bookseller.

D. TWOMEY, Secretary.
29th January, 1942.
N. 1685. W.H.Co.

CONTRACTS.

DONEGAL DISTRICT MENTAL HOSPITAL, LETTERKENNY.

TO CONTRACTORS.

Tenders are invited from competent building contractors for various works, including the erection of a new dairy, nurses' dining room, waiting room, the laying of Terrazzo flooring in the main corridor, and other minor works, all in accordance with the plans and specifications, which have been prepared by Mr. Vincent H. Murnaghan, B.E., M.I.C.E., and which can be inspected at this office on week days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Tenders are to be on the prescribed form, which can be obtained by making a deposit of five pounds, which will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide tender not subsequently withdrawn.

The contractor whose tender is accepted will be required to enter into a bond or contract prepared by the Committee's solicitor for the fulfilment of the works.

Sealed and endorsed tenders on the prescribed forms will be received by the undersigned not later than 12 noon on Friday, March 6th, 1942.

The Committee of Management do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

PATRICK J. COURTNEY.
Resident Medical Superintendent.

TO WELL-SINKERS.

TENDERS are required for the sinking and lining of a dug-out well, approximate diameter 6 feet, at Mucklow Turf Development Camp, near Johnstown, Enfield.

Reply: Murphy Brothers, Contractors, 3 Castlewood avenue, Rathmines.

CHURCH NOTICES.

KINGSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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MEMORIAL SERVICE
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THE REV. JAMES SPENCE
RUTHERFORD, M.A.
ON SUNDAY NEXT, 1st FEBRUARY, 1942, at 3.30 p.m.

THE SUN.

	To-day.	To-morrow.
Rises	9.15	9.13
Sets	6. 4	6. 6
Lighting-up Time,	6.34	6.36

HIGH WATER AT DUBLIN.

Morning	11.32	—
Evening	11.55	0. 6

AT OTHER PORTS.

	Morning.	Evening.
Ballina	5.40	6. 3
Cork	5.22	5.41
Sligo	5.41	6. 6
Waterford	6.20	6.39
Westport	5.20	5.43

Irish Times

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1942.

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Mr. James Maxton, M.P., has various claims to fame in British politics. By general consent he probably is the most popular member of the House of Commons, and his fearless advocacy of lost causes during the last couple of decades has kept his name continually before the public. Yesterday, however, he qualified for a permanent niche in the history of the British Parliament; for he was the only member to register his vote against the Government in respect of the vote of confidence which was demanded by the Prime Minister. It is only fair to say that the two other representatives of the Independent Labour Party also were prepared to vote against Mr. Churchill; but, according to the rules of the House, they were required to act as tellers, with the result that the recorded final division was 464 votes to one—the world, as it were, against the Clyde-side Athanasius. This remarkable division provided striking evidence of two facts—that Mr. Winston Churchill exercises complete mastery over the House of Commons in all essentials; and that the British people have been stimulated, rather than discouraged, by recent reverses to give their fullest support to the National Government. Winding up the three days' debate, the Prime Minister, in accordance with previous practice, carried the war right into his critics' camp. "I offer no apologies," he said, "I offer no excuses; I make no promises." On the contrary, Mr. Churchill warned the House of Commons that further disappointments and reverses probably lay in store for the Allies; but he reaffirmed his confident belief that, in the long run, the war would be decided "in a manner agreeable to the interests of our country, and in a manner agreeable to the future of the world."

After yesterday's division there can be no further question of a "revolt" among certain back-benchers in the House of Commons. In the course of the debate many grievances were aired, and some useful steam was let off; but, on the whole, Parliament has given the Prime Minister *carte blanche*. In these circumstances, he doubtless will decide to make certain gestures in order not so much to placate his critics in the House of Commons as to allay certain feelings of uneasiness throughout Great Britain regarding the calibre of some of his Ministerial colleagues. He already has had conversations with Sir Stafford Cripps, formerly British Ambassador in Moscow, and there is a widespread belief in Parliamentary circles in London that a seat in the Cabinet will be offered to this remarkable man. It also is more than likely that steps will be taken to gratify the growing demand for the appointment of a Minister for Production, although the office may not be created under this name. Mr. Churchill announced yesterday that all the resources of the British Empire and the United States in respect of shipping, munitions and raw materials were being pooled, and that President Roosevelt had appointed Mr. Donald Nelson to supervise the American end of general production, adding that, in order to ensure the smoothest possible working, the appointment of a similar official in Great Britain would be desirable. Having gained his tremendous vote of confidence, Mr. Churchill can afford to be generous, if not even indulgent, towards the Government's critics. He realises that the strictures that have been passed on certain aspects of his Administration are expressions not so much of dissatisfaction with the Ministerial team as of popular anxiety to prosecute the war with the greatest possible degree of vigour.

The survey which the Premier gave of the present situation in the field was sufficiently gloomy; but one of the secrets of Mr. Churchill's success as a national leader is that from the very outset he never has shrunk from brutal frankness. He admitted that the Prince of Wales and the Repulse had been sent to the Far East in the hope that their arrival in Singapore would deter Japan from extreme measures; they were not accompanied by an aircraft carrier simply because no such vessel happened to be available. He defended the action of Admiral Sir Tom Phillips when he took his ships into dangerous waters on the ground that success might have resulted in the drowning of twenty-thousand Japanese troops, and probably would have saved the British Empire from the serious calamities that had befallen it in Malaya. He also admitted the gravity of the situation in North Africa; but here again he insisted on the long view, expressing his confidence that eventually the aim of British strategy in Cyrenaica would be achieved, and that the campaign in the Western Desert would prove to be a "dangerous drain and a festering sore on German and Italian resources." Mr. Churchill paid tribute to the action of the Government of the United States in its dispatch of substantial numbers of troops to the United Kingdom. One of the objects of this step, he said, was to bring American forces into closer contact with the Germans, as well as to release more seasoned British troops for active service elsewhere. Above all, he suggested, the presence of American forces on British soil would be calculated to deter the Germans from an invasion of Great Britain, on the success of which, he declared, lay Herr Hitler's sole remaining hope of a total victory.

Power at Home

If the lessons of to-day have any effect, one of the first concerns of post-war Ireland will be electrification. If it had been possible to develop the Shannon scheme to its full extent, or if the half-completed Liffey scheme had been in full operation before the war began, the present shortage of fuel would be less of a calamity. Mr. R. F. Browne, chairman of the Electricity Supply Board, yesterday gave the Publicity Club of Ireland an admirable account of the problems that beset his organisation. The total consumption of current in the twenty-six counties amounts to approximately 450,000,000 units, of which, in an average year, the Shannon scheme can supply about 300,000,000 units. This output was more than ample for the demand some years ago; but every annual report of the E.S.B. over the last twelve years has revealed a striking —and, in normal circumstances, a highly gratifying—increase in the demand, which the Shannon, for some years past, has shown itself unable to satisfy. Since no other hydro-electric system existed, it was necessary to fall back upon the coal-burning plant at the Pigeon House for the deficit of 150,000,000 units—as it is now. Actually, this division of labour was not unsatisfactory, and worked very well until some months ago. Then the shortage of coal began to manifest itself. As we gather, it would not be right to say that a condition of "crisis" has been reached even yet, but the diminishing supply and inferior quality of the coal have compelled the Board to take some sensible precautions.

Whether or not they will be adequate remains to be seen. The sale of electric heaters has been banned, but, even so, there is reason to fear that, as the cold season continues and other forms of heating become even less available, there may be a heavy drain upon current. Economy on the part of all consumers certainly can help; one merely can hope that the saving will be enough to postpone more drastic measures until summer comes and lightens the strain. Even now, however, we would be wise to look to the comparatively remote future. Mr. Browne hopes that it will be possible to bring the Poulaphouca, or Liffey, scheme into limited commission this year. At the end of the war it must be brought into full commission with the least delay. Recently engineers have been speculating about the harnessing of the Erne, which is said to be far more suitable for the generation of electrical current than the Liffey. That task, too, must be accomplished, whether by a united Ireland or by agreement between the two States of a sundered nation. The old project for "burning the bog where it is born"—in other words, for the production of power from turf-fired stations—deserves careful study, and, we have no doubt, will justify itself in practice. There may be other rivers capable of development, other systems deserving of a trial: those are matters for the experts. All that laymen can do is to press for the exploitation of every possible domestic source of supply. We are at liberty to hope that this will be the last World War, but we cannot venture to assume it.

"ZOO" LIZARD'S RECORD

30 YEARS ON TWO WORMS A DAY

Which exhibit in the Dublin "Zoo" cost least to maintain in food? The answer is the Tuatera, New Zealand lizard, which created a record by living 30 years in captivity at a cost of two worms a day. A lantern slide of this reptile was the first to be shown at the annual meeting of the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland, held yesterday at the College of Surgeons, Dublin. The slides were followed by "stills," and finally by a coloured cine-film, made by Mr. C. A. Jones, and were accompanied by a commentary entitled "A Day in the Zoo," read by Mr. T. H. Mason.

Included in the film were fascinating studies of fish life, "shot" in the reptile house tank, and of Noreen, the open-air lioness, carrying cub Stephanie in her mouth. In the 110th annual report, read by Mr. E. H. Burne, reference was made to elaborate reconstruction work which had been carried out in the Gardens, and which had been made possible by a Government grant from the unemployment relief scheme fund, enabling the Council to give 30,433 hours' work to unemployed men during the year. The hope was expressed that a similar grant may make possible further improvements this year.

Visitors to the Gardens during 1941 numbered 143,693, bringing in £3,663 2s. 9d., as compared with 152,422 in the previous year. Retiring members of the Council are:—Dr. J. A. Matson, Dr. R. R. Wood and Professor J. K. Jamieson. Recommended to replace them are:—Professor J. Bayley-Butler, Lieut.-Col. C. F. Scroope and Brigadier W. N. Stokes.

Lord HolmPatrick was in the chair. On the proposal of Sir Frederick Moore, the report was adopted unanimously.

MASONIC GIRLS' SCHOOL

The Board of Governors of the Masonic Girls' School will meet at the Schoolhouse, Ballsbridge, on Tuesday morning next, 3rd February, at 9 o'clock. Breakfast will be served at 8.30 o'clock.

IRISH WILLS

Miss Mary Elizabeth Cathcart Hemphill, 11 Ely place, Dublin—28th September, 1941—£7,259.

Miss Lucy Evelyne Alley, Paignton, Devon, daughter of the late George William Alley, of Hill of Ward, Athboy left £6,760.

COURT AND PERSONAL

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands this week received in audience the Polish Prime Minister and Commander-in-Chief General Sikorski.

The Duchess of Abercorn visited a Ministry of Information photographic display entitled, "Soviet Children," this week in Belfast.

The Marquess of Donegall has returned to London.

Lady Allardyce presided at a luncheon given in London this week by the Forum Club, at which General de Gaulle was guest of honour.

Major J. Hume Dudgeon, M.C., who spent a short visit at Merville, Booterstown, Co. Dublin, has returned to England.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Tesling have been staying at Ashford Castle Hotel, Cong.

Mr. Sidney Compton is spending the winter at Ashford.

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place early in April, of Dr. William F. O'Keeffe, Abbey House, Ennis, Co. Clare, son of the late Daniel O'Keeffe, D.L., R.I.C., Dungarvan, and Mrs. O'Keeffe, Kildysert, Co. Clare, to Dr. Maureen Treacy, daughter of Philip N. and Mrs. Treacy, Ard Caoin, Limerick.

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Mrs. Murray wore a Model coat, handsomely embroidered in gold at waist, over a dress of fuchsia georgette.—Slyne and Co., Ltd.

Mrs. Ryan wore at her son's wedding a smart, full-length Ocelot coat, with contrasting velours sleeves and facings.—Slyne and Co., Ltd.

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ON THE WIRELESS

IRISH PROGRAMME

6.0—Clar do Scolairi Scoi: To-day's Historical Picture. 6.5—"Song Makers of Ireland," presented by Liam Redmond. 6.30—"Good Citizenship,"—Rev. J. Burke. 6.40—Stock Exchange, Sports Results, Official Announcements. 6.45—News. 7.5—"What's on Next Week?" 7.20 — "Ar fud an tSaoghail Mhoir" — Dramai i dtaobh Taistealuithe Mora an Domhain. Uimh. a 3: Vasco da Gama. Gearoid O Sleibhin do cheap. 7.50—"Ballads Without Tunes"—A Programme of Narrative Poems. Austin Clarke and Readers. 8.10—Relay of Choral and Orchestral Concert by Cork Municipal School of Music. 9.10—"Let's Talk Law"—"Finders Keepers." 9.30—"Fiddlesticks"—Seasonable Skits by N. O'M. 10.0—Nuacht. 10.10—News in English. 10.30—Ceilidhe "An Oige." 1942—Ath-chraoladh o Thigh an Ard-Mhaoir.

B.B.C. PROGRAMME

7.0—News. 7.15—Morning Star. 7.30—Exercises. 7.50—"Tune for To-day." 7.55—Prayers. 8.0—News. 8.15—Kitchen Front. 8.20—"Song and Dance." 8.45—Organ. 9.5—Orchestra. 9.35—Service for Schools. 9.55—For Welsh Schools. 10.5—Schools. 10.15 Service. 10.30 — Songs. 10.45—"Health Magazine." 11.0—Schools. 12.0—Orchestra. 12.30—Break for Music. 1.0—News. 1.15—President Roosevelt's Birthday. 2.0—Schools. 3.0—Music While You Work. 3.30—"Follow the Drum." 4.0—Brahms and Chopin. 4.20—"New Clothes from Old." 4.30—"Souvenirs." 5.0—News in Welsh. 5.5—Talk in Welsh. 5.20—Children's Hour. 6.0—News. 6.30—News in Norwegian. 6.45—"Books and the Writer." 7.0—"Making Your Own Music." 7.30—"Conversation Piece." 7.40—"I've a Right to My Own Opinion, that's what I say." 8.0—"Berlin Correspondent." 8.30—Tommy Handley. 9.0—News. 9.20—To-Night's Talk. 9.35—Orchestra. 10.15—"Mr. Cropper's Conscience." 10.30—"Greetings to the President." 11.0—News in Gaelic. 11.10—Dance Orchestra. 12.0—News.

FORCES PROGRAMME

6.30—"Reveille." 7.0—News. 7.15—Morning Star. 7.30—Records. 8.0—News. 8.15—Scottish Music. 8.45—Organ. 9.5—"South of the Border." 9.30—Dance Music. 10.0—Quintet. 10.30—Music While You Work. 11.0—Anniversaries. 11.15—Handel. 11.30—"Words and Music." 12.0—Orchestra. 12.30—Break for Music. 1.0—News. 1.15—War Commentary. 1.30—Dance Orchestra. 2.15—Greetings to President Roosevelt. 2.45—Light Orchestra. 3.30—"Follow the Drum." 4.0—Canadian Forces Party. 4.30—"Stamp Collecting." 4.40—"The Singing Sailor." 5.0—"Opera at Ease." 5.30—Band. 6.0—News. 6.30—Sandy's Half-Hour. 7.0—"Giants of Sport." 7.15—"Death Comes to the Hibiscus." 7.30—Regimental Brains Trust. 8.0—Henry Hall's Guest Night. 8.30—Tommy Handley. 9.0—News. 9.20—"Forces' Choice." 9.50—Geraldo. 10.15—"Hurrah for Hollywood." 10.45—Gypsy Orchestra. 11.10—Close down.

LOCAL DEFENCE FORCE

TRINITY COLLEGE UNIT FORMED

A meeting was held yesterday in the Graduates' Memorial Building, Trinity College, for the purpose of organising a College Unit of the Local Defence Force. The Vice-Provost, Mr. E. H. Alton, M.A., Litt.D., presided, and about three hundred students attended.

The Vice-Provost said that the Provost received a suggestion from the Government a short time ago that, perhaps, it would be convenient and welcome to establish in the College a unit of the Local Defence Force, and the Provost had replied to that invitation accepting it heartily and wishing the project well. The Provost had hoped to be present at the meeting, but unfortunately he was laid aside by a heavy chill, and he had asked him to welcome the officers of the Army and the Local Defence Force, and to thank them for their kindness in coming. He did so now, and, perhaps, those present would endorse that welcome. The Army officers present were Colonel L. Hoolan, Commandant P. McDonagh and Captain H. Murphy; and the Local Defence officers present were Mr. S. H. Rice, District Leader; Mr. G. Furleux, District Adjutant, and J. P. O'Hara, District Quartermaster.

The Vice-Provost added that the Local Defence Force gave them an opportunity to organise against any possible aggression. By organising they might be able to do something to avert possible aggression.

The Junior Dean, Dr. K. C. Bailey, explained that many members of T.C.D. were already in L.D.F. units and other auxiliary services, like Fire-watching and Ambulance, and if they desired they could transfer to the new L.D.F. unit.

Colonel L. Hoolan said that after they were trained, if they found that they had not the time to attend the drills, arrangements could be made that they could continue their studies uninterrupted.

Mr. Rice also spoke. Replying to a student, he said that Northern Ireland students would be welcomed.

More than one hundred students were enrolled within an hour, and many more took away forms to fill up.

PUBLICITY AIDS ECONOMY

LESSONS OF E.S.B.'S DRIVE

Publicity formed the basis of the Electricity Supply Board's economy drive launched in March last, and the results of this method of approach have been very effective, Mr. R. F. Browne, Chairman of the Board, told members of the Publicity Club of Ireland, when he spoke on "Our Electrical Supplies"—one of a series of talks on "How we are Tackling our Emergency Problems"—at a luncheon meeting in Jury's Hotel yesterday. He said that consideration had been given to various methods of rationing, but they had come to the conclusion that, before relying on any such scheme, it would be preferable to ascertain whether the desired results could not be obtained by intensive publicity. He thought that the minds of consumers had now become more receptive to any appeals for economy which may be directed at them. The recent Government Order in regard to shop hours and restricted lighting had a marked effect on consumption for general lighting, and during the past ten months the total demand had not shown any marked tendency to rise.

Mr. Browne made a special appeal to users of electric radiators, whom he advised to practise strict economy. The growing shortage of fuels had brought nearer the possibility of a large increase in the heating load, which would be heaviest at the time of year when the general demand for all purposes is also at its highest. It had been deemed advisable to take precautionary steps, and from May 1st last it was decided to discontinue the sale from the Board's showrooms of heaters and cookers.

The importance of coal also was stressed by Mr. Browne, who stated that during certain periods of the summer between 6,000 and 7,000 tons of coal might be used in a week, and that during the period from April to September coal was relied upon to produce from one-half to five-sixths of the total energy. They were in a position of some advantage in that the boiler plant installed at the Pigeon House Station during the years prior to the war was designed for the burning of Irish anthracite duff. The coal being used at present at the Pigeon House was almost entirely Welsh low volatile duff, a very fine slack, which could not be burned in household grates, or normally industrial plants installed in this country, but which the Board were using with a reasonable degree of efficiency.

At the outbreak of war the Board was fortunate in having accumulated a substantial stock of general materials, and, although this had naturally been decreasing, until recently no serious difficulties had been encountered. Upwards of 10,000 classes of materials were held in stocks; shortages in certain categories which had appeared from time to time had to a great extent been covered by substitutes, often fabricated here. "In connection with this," said Mr. Browne, "I would like to pay a tribute to the engineering staff, who have ingeniously produced suitable remedies. A few months ago it became evident that demands involving rubber-covered copper conductors and copper generally could not be fully met, and the Board found it necessary, in October, as a precautionary measure, to suspend temporary new connections. It was possible last month to resume this work on a limited basis on conditions discussed with representatives of the electrical contractors. The universal shortage of this material has now become so great that an easing of the stock position is not probable, and further restrictions on connections must be expected."

LIFFEY SCHEME

With reference to the Liffey scheme, Mr. Browne said that despite considerable difficulties in securing some of the plant they were not without hope that temporary arrangements could be made to bring the Poulaphouca station into limited commission in the course of this year. It must be borne in mind, however, that the output of the Liffey development would be about 30,000,000 units, a relatively small proportion of the present total output of 450,000,000 units. Plans had been completed for a turf-generating station at Portarlington, but they could not proceed further until plant could be obtained.

"Such precautionary measures as had been taken were not wholly in the interest of our revenue," he said, "but at the present time the security of maintenance of supply is much more important than temporary losses."

They could not, he thought, escape from the certainty that the growing shortage of supplies would press with ever-increasing severity, and that some measure of relief could be attempted only by the exercise of the greatest economy. There had not been yet on the part of the public generally an acceptance of the realities of the situation. The effect of the war could be countered only by immediate economies and by stimulating in every way an increase in the production of all commodities which could be made available within their own boundaries. He had no doubt that the members of the Publicity Club would play a large part in influencing public opinion towards action which the interests of the community as a whole urgently demanded.

Mr. P. L. McEvoy, Joint Treasurer of the Club, proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Browne, said that the Minister for Finance had recently advanced to the Electricity Supply Board a sum of £13,000,000, and this money had apparently been loaned at about 5 per cent., because the interest of the Board for the year was given as £645,000. That was a huge impost, amounting to nearly four-fifths of the profits from the undertaking. If they had a loan floated at 3½ per cent.—similar to the recent Government Loan—for the money advance to the E.S.B. it would mean a saving in interest of approximately £225,000 a year.

Mr. L. C. Blennerhassett, Hon. Secretary, seconding the motion, praised the way in which the Electricity Supply Board carried out their publicity. "There are many organisations, and indeed Government sections," he said, "who could with profit model their activities in this direction and their relations with the public on the methods of the E.S.B."

Mr. C. E. McConnell, Chairman, presided.

RECEPTION BY POLISH CONSUL-GENERAL

Ministers and members of the Diplomatic Corps were among those present at a reception given last night in the Shelbourne Hotel by the Consul-General for Poland and Madame Dobrzynski.

During the function a recital of Polish music and poetry was given by Miss Jean Nolan, Miss Renée Collinson and Miss Sylvia Fannin, with Mrs. K. O'Callaghan as accompanist.

The guests included—The Minister for Local Government and Mrs. MacEntee, Mr. J. P. Walshe, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Boland, Mr. and Mrs. Nolan, the Belgian Minister and Madame Goor, the French Minister and Madame de Laforcade, Madame Roche, Sir John and Lady Maffey, Mr. and Mrs. Archer, Brigadier-General and Mrs. Woodhouse, Mrs. Cambreth Kane, the American Minister and Mrs. David Gray, Consul-General for the Netherlands, Mynheer Weenink, Dr. Lombard Murphy and Miss Murphy, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, Professor Macken and Miss Bowler, the President of the High Court and Mrs. Conor Maguire, Mr. and Mrs. James Montgomery, Professor and Mrs. Michael Hayes, Major and Mrs. Hodnett, Miss E. Hamilton, Mrs. Wisdom Hely, Mrs. Hugh Kennedy, Sir John Keane, Professor Agnes O'Farrelly, Mr. Harry O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. O'Driscoll, Mr. and Mrs. Styles, Professor George O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. John Peart, Mr. and Mrs. D. Barrett, Mr. MacDunphy, Mr. and Mrs. McGonagle, Mr. and Mrs. H. Briscoe, Senator MacDermot, Professor and Mrs. John MacNeill, Colonel and Mrs. J. J. O'Connell, Professor O'Sullivan, Major and Mrs. O'Rorke, Mr. and Mrs. Sadleir, Lord and Lady Longford, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yeats, Senator and Mrs. Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryan, District Justice and Mrs. Reddin, Mr. and Mrs. Lennox Robinson, Senator and Mrs. Douglas, Dr. and Mrs. Drummond, Mr. Justice, Mrs. and [illegible] Duffy, Senator and Mrs. D. [illegible] and Lady Irwin, Dr. and Mrs Graham, Miss Charlotte Dease, Mr. and Mrs. Costello, Mr. and Mrs. Auchmuty, Mr. and Mrs. Collinson, the Chargé d'Affaires and Madame Benziger, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS.

GOODBODY—January 23, 1942, to Betty, wife of L. M. Goodbody, Hanley Cross, Newcastle, County Wicklow, a son.

O'ROURKE—January 21, 1942, at the Hatch street Nursing Home, to Maeve, wife of Dr. P. D. O'Rourke, Blackrock, a son.

MARRIAGES.

MUNZING and LATCHFORD—December 20, 1941, at St. Mary's Church, South Stoneham Parish, Swaythling, by Rev. Rhain, Vicar, St. Mary's Church, Gerald Robert (M.N.), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Munzing, Bournemouth, to Miriam Hope, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Latchford, Castlemorris, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

SMITH and REA—November 25, 1941, at Charleston road Church, Dublin, by the Rev. R. Lee Cole, M.A., D.D., William, only son of the late Thomas and Gertrude Smith, Tara Hill House, Gorey, Co. Wexford, to Muriel Gwendolyn, daughter of John Q. and the late Gladys Rea, Maryborough, Leix.

WYLLIE and SORRELL—On Monday, January 12, 1942, at Liberton Church, Edinburgh, by the Rev. A. C. Gregg, B.D., Greenock, David Wyllie, B.Sc., Ph.D., A.I.C., only son of Alexander Wyllie and the late Mrs. Wyllie, Castlemains, Gifford, East Lothian, to Patricia Sorrell, B.Sc., elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs Frank Sorrell, 40 Kirk Brae, Liberton, Edinburgh, and granddaughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. James O'Hara, P.C., late of 107 Sandymount avenue, Dublin.

DEATHS.

ABRAHAM—January 28, 1942, at Springfield, Ballyfin, Annie, relict of the late Robert Abraham, New road, Maryborough.

ALLAN—January 28, 1942, at his residence, "Lyndhurst," Newtown avenue, Blackrock, Eugene Neale, dearly-loved husband of Amy Allan. Funeral (private) to Dean's Grange Cemetery to-day (Friday), 30th January, arriving 10.45 a.m. (No mourning, by his own request.)

BYRNE (Athboy, Co. Meath)—January 28, 1942, John Byrne. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Office and High Mass at St. James' R.C. Church, Athboy, this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock (old time). Funeral at 2 o'clock (old time) to Newtown, Trim.

COLLINS—Reported lost at sea since June, 1941, John Gerald Derepas, M.N., of Wallasey, Cheshire, loved nephew of Adelaide Morton, 20 Belgrave square, Rathmines.

CONNICK—January 28, 1942, at a Dublin Nursing Home, Robert Gilbert Gilmore, of the Queen's Hotel, Dundalk, youngest son of the late Thomas G. Connick, of Seatown Place, aged 64 years. R.I.P. Remains arrived at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dundalk, at 7.30 o'clock yesterday (Thursday) evening. Requiem Mass this (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock. Funeral thereafter to Castletown Cemetery. No flowers, prayers instead.

CROLY—January 28, 1942, at a Dublin Hospital, Moll, widow of the late W. P. Croly, Glenmore, Lower Mountown (Dun Laoghaire). Funeral private, Dean's Grange. No flowers. "Peace, perfect peace."

DOYLE—January 29, 1942, at St. Brendan's, Dalkey avenue (late of 8 Church road), Mary, beloved wife of Andrew Doyle. Deeply regretted by her sorrowing husband, sons, daughter, and families. Remains will be removed this (Friday) evening at 6.30 o'clock to Church of the Assumption, Dalkey. Funeral (private), after 8 o'clock Mass, to Tagoat, Wexford.

FULLERTON—January 29, 1942, at his residence, The Harbour, Skerries, Robert J. Fullerton, dearly-loved husband of Evelyn Fullerton. Funeral to-day at 3 o'clock to HolmPatrick Cemetery.

GODKIN—January 29, 1942, at West Pier, Howth, Elizabeth Jane, wife of S. J. Godkin. Funeral arriving at St. Fintan's, Sutton, 2.15 p.m., tomorrow (Saturday), 31st. Psalm xvi, v. xv. (No mourning.)

HENRY—January 28, 1942, suddenly, at St. Enodoc Cottage, Trebetherick, North Cornwall, Margaret J., widow of the late Dr. William Henry, Clones.

McCARTHY (Dublin)—January 29, 1942, at Dublin Nursing Home, John Joseph McCarthy, 51 St. Mobhi road (late Fitzdame, Mallow), R.I.P. Funeral arrangements later.

MURPHY—January 28, 1942, Christina Frances, daughter of Margaret and the late James Murphy, Castledermot (after a long illness). Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral from the Church of the Assumption, Castledermot, to-day (Friday) at 3 o'clock (S.T.) to Levitstown. American papers please copy.

O'REILLY—January 28, 1942, at a Private Nursing Home, Jane, relict of the late Henry A. O'Reilly, and lately of Baltinglass, Co. Wicklow. Remains were removed yesterday (Thursday) evening to the Church of the Assumption, Booterstown, at 6.30 o'clock. Funeral to Dean's Grange this (Friday) morning after 10 o'clock Mass. R.I.P.

Ul Raghallaigh—O'Reilly. Sinéad, Dean Chill Ui Raghallaigh, nac maireann, 45ú lá de Eanáir, 1942. Deanfaidh an tSeirbhís Dé Domhnaigh, an 28ú Eanáir, in Eaglais Phádraig Naofa i mBaile Átha Cliath. Cabhraíodh an corp cuig an Séipéal i mBaile an Dóchais inné ag a 6.30. Cuirfead anonn i tan éir Aifrinn a 10.

POER-O'SHEE—January 27, 1942, at Gardenmorris, Kill, Co. Waterford, Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Alfred Poer-O'Shee, C.M.G., son of the late Nicholas Power-O'Shee, born 1867. R.I.P. Funeral private.

RYAN—January 25, 1942, at 22 South road, Hythe, Kent, Elizabeth eldest daughter of the late John Ryan, M.D., New Pallas, Limerick.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for this Column will be found on Page 2.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bracken, Bracetown, Dunboyne, wishes to return sincere thanks to all those who sympathised with her in her recent double bereavement, and trusts that this will be accepted by all in very grateful acknowledgment.

IN MEMORIAM.

COLCLOUGH—In ever-loving memory of George, called Monte, January 30th, 1940. "For ever with the Lord."

DUNWOODY—In loving memory of Orr Dunwoody, who entered into Rest on 30th January, 1940. "For ever with the Lord."

MACKEY—In ever-loving memory of Sarah Mackey, Church View, Clonsilla, 30th January, 1939. "In Jesus' keeping we are safe—and they."

McKEOWN—Second Anniversary—In loving memory of Edward Francis McKeown (Eddie), who died 30th January, 1940. Ever remembered by his devoted wife and children.

MITCHELL—In loving memory of mother (Mary Florence), who died 30th January 1941; also daddie (Rev. A. I. Mitchell, late Rector, Johnstown, Kilkenny), died 16th March, 1935, and sister, Muriel, died 5th January, 1925. In love and remembrance of those we shall never forget.—Sheila and Willie Buchanan.

MITCHELL—In loving memory of mother (Mary Florence), who died 30th January 1941; also daddie (Rev. A. I. Mitchell, late Rector, Johnstown, Kilkenny), died 16th March, 1935, and sister, Muriel, died 5th January, 1925. "Love's perfect gift, remembrance."—Vera and Jack Membrey.

MITCHELL—In loving memory of my darling mother, died 30th January, 1941. Ever remembered.—Olive.

MITCHELL—In loving memory of darling mother, died January 30th, 1941.—Thelma.

O'ROURKE—Ninth Anniversary—In loving memory of Mrs. Annie Frances O'Rourke, of 4 Conyngham road, Phoenix Park, who died on 30th January, 1933. R.I.P.

SEALES—In sad and loving memory of my dear husband, Peter M. Seales, who died at his residence, Lansdowne road, Ballsbridge, on January 30th, 1937. R.I.P. Masses offered. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

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WILLIAM HENRY GOING, Deceased, late of Altavilla, Cahir, County Tipperary.—All persons having claims against the Estate of the above Deceased are requested to send notice of same in writing to MATHESON ORMSBY & PRENTICE, Solicitors for the Executors, 16/17 Lower O'Connell street, Dublin.

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Every Creditor or Claimant holding any security is to produce the same at the Examiner's Office of the said Court on the 3rd day of March, 1942, at 11 of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated the 23rd day of January, 1942.

THOMAS E. B. ADDERLEY, Examiner.

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FROM THE LEGAL DIARY

LAW NOTICES—Friday, January 30.

THE REGISTRAR OF WARDS OF COURT.

Before the Registrar, at 11.30 o'clock—Settle report adjourned, A. Cox and Co.; settle report, H. P. F. Donegan and Co.; settle report, Joseph H. Dixon; Cox, minors, summons, Edward Ryan.

Before the Assistant Registrar, at 11.30 o'clock—Exparte applications.

Before Mr. Donovan, at 11 o'clock—Vouch account, E. and G. Stapleton.

THE HIGH COURT.

In Court 1, at 11 o'clock. The Hon. the President,—Exparte Motions. On Notice—The Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., v. Fanning and others; same v. William O'Donnell; Jameson v. Fitzsimons. Summary Summons—Hardman v. Doyle.

At conclusion of above—Probate Motions. For Judgment—In the goods of Thomas McDonald, deceased. Exparte — In the goods of Charles E. Jacob, deceased; James Kelly, deceased; Hannah Large, deceased; James Quane, deceased; Florence Wynne, deceased. On Notice—In the goods of Jane F. Stevenson, deceased.

BANKRUPTCY.

In Court No. 6, at 11 o'clock—Arrangement, account comp., S. F. Hogan; Bennett, motion, C. B. W. Boyle.

JURY ACTIONS.

In Court 4. Hon. Mr. Justice Maguire, at 11 o'clock — Corr v. Hedigan (at hearing). The jury sworn in the above case at hearing are required to attend at Court 4 at 11 o'clock this morning.

THE MASTER OF THE HIGH COURT.

At 11 o'clock—Motions of Course. Summonses—Dublin Co. Co. v. Casey; Munster and Leinster Bank v. Hegarty; Ulster Bank v. Sheridan; Oulton v. Cooper; Beckett v. Beckett; Costelloe v. Costello; Bank of Ireland v. Cullen; Galloway v. Galloway; Patterson v. Moore. Motions on Notice—Donovan v. Coulter; Herman and others v. Owners ss. Vicia.

BANKRUPTCY.

At 11.30 o'clock—Arrangement, settle conditions sale, Collins and Son.

THE TAXING MASTER'S OFFICE.

Master O'Hanlon, at 11 o'clock. Exparte Taxations—Dolan v. Dolan, M. Tynan and Co.; Dolan v. Dolan, R. Fox and Co.; Dolan v. Dolan, M. A. Lynch.

Master Kennedy, at 11 o'clock—Hanbidge v. Coulter, Anderson and Bland; Hanbidge v. Coulter, Anderson and Mc Coulter and Co.; v. Coulter, W. J. M. Coulter and Co.; Hanbidge v. Coulter, J. S. O'Connor.

THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE.

Before Mr. Adderley (Room 104), at 11 o'clock—W. F. Ryan, decd., Horgan v. Ryan, sign cert.; Fanl v. Duffy, sign cert.; Jennings v. McGrath, sign cert.; Heatley v. Rogers, sign cert.; Hibernian Bank, Ltd., v. Hill, sign cert.

Before Mr. Greville (Room 103), at 11 o'clock—National Bank, Ltd., v. P. Flanagan and Sons, Ltd.; P. Coffey, decd., and J. Lynch, decd., Lynch v. Weir; Hibernian Bank, Ltd., v. Brien; Erskine v. Somers; J. Kearns, decd., Kearns v. Kearns; J. Kearns, decd., Gowley v. Reape; M. Fleming, decd., Power v. Clancy, McMahon, decd., Power v. Clancy.

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

At Examiners' Chambers, 68 Merrion Square.

Before Mr. Ryan, at 11 o'clock—Estate of Charles Lynch, directions. At 12 o'clock—Estate of Lord Hugh Beresford, directions. At 3 o'clock—Estate of Florence E. Hibbert.

Before Mr. Jackson, at 3 o'clock—Estate of R. V. Gibson, vouch.

Before Mr. Spain, at 3 o'clock—Estate of Phibbs Porteus, vouch items.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

Monday, the 2nd day of February, 1942, has been appointed as the date of the next sitting of the Central Criminal Court at Green Street Courthouse, Dublin, at 11 a.m.

CIRCUIT CRIMINAL COURT.

Green Street Courthouse, Dublin.

This day at 11 o'clock.

CIRCUIT COURT OF JUSTICE.

Before Judge Shannon, at the Law Courts, Chancery place, at 11 o'clock. Applications for Summary Judgment—Earl of Longford v. French; same v. Nolan. Publican's Licence—John Clarke, applct. Applications for Compensation for Criminal Injury—Mary G. Power applct., Dublin Corporation respdts. Philip Lynch applct., same respdts.; William Olhausen and another applcts., same respdts.; Patrick J. Kavanagh and another applcts., same respdts.; Jack Doran, Ltd., applcts., same respdts.; Martin Murphy applcts., same respdts.; Patrick J. Synnott applct., same respdts.; Patrick J. Jenkinson applct., same respdts.; John Bedhouse applct., Dublin Co. Council respdts.; Patrick L. Flanagan applct., same respdts.; Patrick Christy and others applcts., same respdts. Equity Suit—Donnelly and others v. Mulvey and another.

THE COUNTY REGISTRAR.

At 12.30 o'clock. Taxation of Costs—Byrne v. Gordon; O'Sullivan and another v. Bourke and another; Ryan v. Downes and Sons; Richards v. Pepper. Equity—O'Farrell v. Whitestide; O'Flanagan v. O'Flanagan.

Free Cinema Shows—All children in Clones are being treated to free cinema shows. The cinemas are packed to overflowing, and Civic Guards and cinema officials find it difficult to control the large queues of children who line up for admission.

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T.D.'s LIBEL ACTION

PUBLICATION IN A DUBLIN PAPER

(BEFORE THE PRESIDENT OF THE HIGH COURT AND A JURY.)

Legal arguments are to be heard to-day in regard to the effect of the findings of the jury in a libel action of Mr. Dan Breen, T.D., of St. Kevin's, Sutton, County Dublin, against the Dublin Express and Mail, Ltd.

The jury found that there had been publication of the words complained of by Mr. Breen, and that the words were a libel; but disagreed whether or not they bore the meaning alleged by Mr. Breen. They assessed damages at £350.

Mr. Breen stated that in the Dublin *Evening Mail* of August 7 last there was published:—"Dan Breen and the Bookie." "The publication in braille of Dan Breen's book, 'My Fight for Irish Freedom,' by the Irish Association for the Blind, brings back a good story in connection with Breen's exploits. As his finances were at a low ebb, he chanced a flutter on a race at the Curragh. His invariable luck did not desert him, but when he called to collect his winnings a dispute arose as to the amount he should receive. Thinking that a little persuasive intimidation might smooth over the difficulty, Breen said to the bookie, 'Do you know that I'm Dan Breen?' 'I don't give a damn if you were Brian Boru,' replied the 'bookie,' 'that's all you are getting from me.'"

Mr. Breen stated that these words meant that he had exploited the reputation that he had acquired in the war for Irish independence to intimidate the "bookie" and extract the payment that he had claimed from him; that he was a person who exploited such reputation to intimidate and to obtain payment of money claimed by him, and that he used a threat to compel the bookmaker to pay his demand.

The defence was that the words did not mean what Mr. Breen alleged that they meant, and that they were incapable of any defamatory meaning.

Mr. Lavery, K.C.; Mr. Nolan Whelan, K.C., and Mr. Fionan Lynch (instructed by Mr. Michael Noyk) appeared for Mr. Breen, and Mr. J. M. FitzGerald, K.C.; Mr. Casey, K.C., and Mr. Ernest M. Wood (instructed by Messrs. Gerald Byrne and Co.) for the Dublin Express and Mail.

Opening the action, Mr. Lavery said that it was Mr. Breen's submission that those words conveyed to the ordinary reader that he was using his reputation in the way that a gangster or racecourse thug might use it, to make a bookie pay him money that he did not owe him. He would repudiate any suggestion that such an incident occurred.

Mr. Lavery referred to a disclaimer which, he said, had been published in the *Evening Mail* on August 12, stating that the paragraph, written in a humorous vein, had been sent to the writer of the article by the Irish Association for the Blind, with a request for publication, and that the writer's only desire in publishing it was to help that body. The writer had pointed out that he would very much regret publishing anything which would misrepresent so highly esteemed a public man as Mr. Breen.

The matter, said Mr. Lavery, had been left there: there had been no public apology, no withdrawal.

PLAINTIFF EXAMINED

Mr. Breen, in evidence, said that the statement complained of was false. He never had used physical force for a personal gain, and never had used the reputation that he had made during the war of independence in order to benefit himself.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzgerald, he said that he thought that the publication was the most insulting thing that ever had been said about him. He had been called a murderer, a thug, and a gun bully by English writers, but to be called a racecourse gun thug, as, he said, the *Evening Mail* had called him, was worse.

Mr. Sean Moylan, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Departments of Defence and Industry and Commerce, stated that his interpretation of the words, "thinking that a little persuasive intimidation might smooth over the difficulty, Breen said to the bookie, 'Do you know that I'm Dan Breen?'" was that Mr. Breen had been utilising the reputation that he had made for successful violence on behalf of his country, for mean, mercenary ends.

Mr. Gearoid O'Sullivan, barrister-at-law, said that the words complained of suggested to him that Dan Breen had been prepared to prostitute all his fair name in order to get "a few quid extra" that he had not won from a bookmaker.

THE DEFENCE

Other witnesses having been examined, Mr. Fitzgerald, opening the case for the Dublin *Evening Mail*, said that the way the item complained of came to the *Evening Mail* was the most natural and casual thing that could have happened. On the evening before publication of the account the chief sub-editor found himself in possession of a document printed on the notepaper of the Irish Association for the Blind, and looked on it as a boost for Mr. Breen's book, to which it referred, and also for the Association for the up-to-date spirit which it showed in bringing the book out in braille, and put it into the column of gossip at the request of the Association.

Mr. Ernest E. Reilly, Chief Sub-Editor, Dublin *Evening Mail*, stated in evidence that he had regarded the paragraph as most interesting to the public, and he had thought that Mr. Breen and Mr. Neary, of the Association for the Blind, jointly had sent it.

Mr. J. P. Neary, Secretary of the Association for the Blind, said that the matter had been sent from his office to the *Evening Mail* for publication. Mr. Breen had given him permission to publish the book in braille.

SOLDIER ACQUITTED

Private John Carroll was acquitted and discharged at the Dublin Circuit Court yesterday on a charge, which was heard before Judge Davitt and a jury, of the manslaughter of Thomas Good (70 years), Oxmanstown road, Dublin. Good was knocked down by an Army car driven by the accused at the junction of the Navan and Nephin roads on 11th September last. It was stated in evidence that Carroll applied his brakes immediately, and swerved first to right and then left in an effort to avoid Good, and that he was an experienced and careful driver, and the car was going at a normal speed.

JAIL FOR COAL THEFT

Robert Bradley, Nixon street, Dublin, was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment for the larceny of coal from Messrs. T. Donnelly and Sons, Ltd., by District Justice McCann yesterday in the Dublin District Court.

Guard McGarry said that Bradley had been known as the leader of a group called "The Animal Gang," and had been before the Court on a number of occasions.

Thomas James Byrne, aged 21, 17b Ballybough House, appeared on a similar charge, and was bound to the peace.

BULL SHOW DATES FIXED

The adjudication and sale of pure-bred shorthorn bulls will take place respectively on March 3rd and 4th, and of Herefords and Aberdeen-Angus on March 10th and 11th. The decision was made at a meeting of the Committee of Agriculture of the Royal Dublin Society, held yesterday at Ballsbridge, Dublin. An entry of 556 had been received.

GIRLS SENT TO JAIL

Sentences of three months' imprisonment each were imposed on three young girls—Josephine and Kathleen Moynihan and Bridie Keaney, all without fixed addresses—for the larceny of 47 handbags from Dublin dance halls during the past 12 months, by District Justice McCann in the Dublin District Court yesterday.

Mr. McCann commended Detective Sergeant Kennedy for his activity in the cases.

COMPANY MEETING.

NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

INCREASING NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS

The annual general meeting of the National Bank, Ltd., was held yesterday at 13 Old Broad street, London, when Mr. Michael J. Cooke, the chairman, presided. Other directors present were:—Sir George Francis Murphy, Bart., deputy chairman; Sir Thomas Francis Molony, Bart.; Captain the Hon. Henry Edmund Fitzalan-Howard and Mr. Edward Horace Walpole.

Mr. Cooke said:—

My first duty is to refer, with deep regret, to the loss we have sustained by the death of the Earl of Kenmare, the senior member of our Board, who had been a director for over thirty years. He always took a great interest in the affairs of the bank, and, up to the end, attended regularly to his duties as a director. He was a genial and able colleague, and we miss him very much from the boardroom table.

You have in your hands a copy of the report and balance sheet, and, with your approval, I will adopt our usual course and take them as read. The accounts are presented in the usual form, and I will now touch upon the more important items and compare the figures with those put before you here twelve months ago. You will see from the balance sheet that our aggregate means stand at £43,820,000. The increase over the corresponding figure of a year ago is accounted for by the rise of more than £3,000,000 in the total of "deposit, current and other accounts."

This movement is in line with the common experience of all banks under prevailing conditions, and results—in part, at least—from the accumulation of resources which would normally be invested or otherwise employed in trade and commerce.

FALL IN ADVANCES

On the other side of the balance sheet the restricted activity in all fields not connected with the war is reflected in the decline of £685,000 in advances, and of £105,000 in bills discounted.

That is in keeping with the trend of banking figures in general, and is not due to any reluctance on the part of the bank to facilitate applicants for loans.

In fact, the absence of such profitable outlets means that the increased deposits have to be partly diverted into Government Securities, as shown by the rise of £2,364,000 in this item at £14,929,000. Corporation, etc., investments are slightly lower at £1,332,000.

The rise in deposits has a further effect, in that a larger proportion of our funds must be kept in an immediate available form. "Cash in hand" and "Money at call," at £5,346,000 and £3,734,000, show increases of £533,000 and £1,111,000, respectively.

The proportion of our liquid assets to our liabilities to the public payable on demand is 65 per cent.

The figures for Treasury deposit receipts, acceptances and bank premises do not call for any special comment.

To return to the liabilities side, the capital and reserve totals remain unchanged at £1,500,000 and £1,160,000, respectively, and there is an increase of £85,000 in the note circulation. Acceptances at £165,000 are merely a contra entry, and the balance of profit and loss carried forward to new account is £42,464.

NET PROFITS

The net profit for the half-year shows a rise of £1,043 against the second half of 1940, but, taking the year as a whole, there has been a decline of £6,548. The causes have been those to which I have referred on previous occasions—viz., low yield on investments and continually rising expenses on salaries and items beyond our control.

We propose to pay a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, less income tax, and to transfer £10,000 to contingencies account.

I am glad to say the number of our customers continues to show a satisfactory increase, and, in spite of the difficulties inherent in the state of world war which we are called upon to endure, we have made good progress.

In submitting this *resumé* of our position, I feel sure you will agree that the bank stands in a very sound and liqued condition.

On behalf of myself, the directors and, I am sure, the shareholders, I desire to thank the staff for their services, and to those who are absent with the Forces we send our best wishes.

I now move the adoption of the report and statement of accounts.

Sir George Murphy seconded, and the report and statement of accounts were unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Mr. P. W. Straus, seconded by J. G. Lousada, Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co., and Messrs. Stokes Bros. and Pim were re-appointed auditors at the total remuneration of 600 guineas.

The Chairman moved the re-election of Messrs. James Dwyer, Thomas Geoghegan, F.C.A., and Richard Joseph Maume as directors.

Sir George Murphy seconded, and this was agreed to unanimously.

VOTE OF THANKS

Colonel E. G. Concanon, D.S.O., proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and directors, said it was a genuine vote of thanks. All bank directors had had a particularly trying time in the last year, and from the nature of the business of the National Bank it must have been peculiarly difficult for their Chairman and directors.

He wished them health and strength for the ensuing year.

Mr. C. J. Higginson, C.B.E., in seconding, also associated himself with the Chairman's tribute to the Earl of Kenmare, whose loss they so greatly deplored.

They had to thank the Chairman for the concise and interesting *resumé* of the position in which the bank found itself to-day.

Two points stood out pre-eminently—the first was the large increase in their reserves, and the other was the most satisfactory position with regard to liquid assets.

Referring to the very large increase in the amount on deposit, Mr. Higginson said he did not know how far that might be attributed to an improvement in trade and in agriculture on the other side of the water, but it probably had, to a large measure, its origin in the fact that so many firms and businesses had been so thoroughly dislocated in their organisation, and in the prosecution of their businesses, that they had been no longer able to employ their capital in the development of their own concerns, and had been constrained to find some other ways for the time being of dealing with those large balances, and had put them on deposit.

WHEN PEACE COMES

When the day of peace came they might rightly expect that there would be a reversal of that process, and there would be a demand for withdrawal from deposit and a demand to the bank for accommodation which would enable those businesses once more to assume their normal activities.

This last year must have been a difficult one for the Board. There had been serious obstacles to overcome, and there had been very grave problems to solve, but under Mr. Cooke's wise guidance and with the collaboration of the other members of the Board and with the loyal support of the managers and staff of the branches, it was gratifying that such a satisfactory report had been placed before the shareholders.

The vote of thanks was accorded unanimously, and Mr. Cooke returned thanks on behalf of the Board.

NORTHERN BANK LIMITED

Established 1st August, 1824.

CAPITAL AUTHORISED	£3,500,000 0 0
CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED	£3,500,000 0 0
CAPITAL PAID-UP	£700,000 0 0
GENERAL RESERVE FUND	£200,000 0 0
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND	£300,000 0 0
UNDIVIDED PROFITS	£70,568 6 5

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1941

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital Authorised and issued:		
275,000 A Shares of £10 each, £2 paid	550,000 0 0	
75,000 B Shares of £10 each, £2 paid	150,000 0 0	
		700,000 0 0
General Reserve Fund		200,000 0 0
Special Reserve Fund		300,000 0 0
Notes in Circulation: Consolidated Bank Notes outstanding	159,000 0 0	
Less held by Bank	15,210 0 0	
	143,790 0 0	
Other Notes	2,606,220 0 0	
		2,750,010 0 0
Deposits, Current and other Accounts (including provision for Depreciation in investments and Contingencies)		18,846,362 7 4
Endorsements, Guarantees, Acceptances, Confirmed Credits, etc., as per contra		160,285 9 3
Profit and Loss Account, Balance as per annexed Account, being undivided Profit		70,568 6 5
(Note.—There is a contingent liability of £8,100 for uncalled Capital in respect of the shares of the Agricultural Credit Corporation, Ltd., which are guaranteed in regard to both Capital and Interest.)		
		£23,027,226 3 0

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Cash on hand, Notes of other Banks, and Balances in London and with other Banks		5,163,606 11 4
Investments—(including Securities lodged with the Currency Commission for Consolidated Bank Notes outstanding, as per contra) Securities of or guaranteed by the British Government, and Irish and Colonial Government Securities	9,614,680 1 3	
Corporation Stocks, Railway Debentures and Preference Stocks and other Stocks and Shares	799,777 6 9	
		10,414,457 8 0
Bills discounted, Loans on Securities, Advances to Customers, etc.		6,996,238 5 3
Bank Buildings—Head Office and Branches, at cost, less amounts written off		292,638 9 2
Liabilities of Customers for Endorsements, Guarantees, Acceptances, Confirmed Credits, etc., as per contra		160,285 9 3
		£23,027,226 3 0

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st Dec. 1941

Dr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Dividend paid 1st August, 1941, less Income Tax	14,843 15 0	
To Dividend payable 2nd February, 1942, less Income tax	14,843 15 0	
		29,687 10 0
To Contingency Account		20,000 0 0
To Balance, being undivided profit, carried forward to next Account		70,568 6 5
		£120,255 16 5

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	£ s. d.
By Balance brought forward from 31st December, 1940	70,085 17 8
By Net profit for the year ended 31st December, 1941, after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, interest due on deposits, and rebate on bills not yet due	50,169 18 9
	£120,255 16 5

W. F. SCOTT, A. P. TIBBEY, F. W. WHITE, H. J. CRAIG. } Directors.

HUGH MURPHY, Secretary.

AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NORTHERN BANK LIMITED, BELFAST.—We have verified the correctness of the Cash and Notes on hand at the Head Office, and have examined the Securities held against the money at call and short notice, and also those representing the investments of the Bank. We have examined the foregoing Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account with the Books of the Company, and the certified returns from the Branches, and, having obtained all the information and explanations we have required, we beg to report that in our opinion such Accounts are properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

HILL, VELLACOTT & CO., Chartered Accountants } Auditors.

Finsbury Circus House, London, E.C.2, 14th January, 1942.

HOME RAILS HIGHER

There was a little more business passing in Local Securities on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday, and the tone was steady to harder. British Industrials were still hesitant and easier.

There was renewed support for Home Government Funds, but as there was only small amounts of stock on offer, price showed little change. Exchequer Bonds advanced 10/- to 108½ and 4½ p.c. Land Bonds rose to 114¾.

Guinness units encountered local selling all day and finished 1/- down at 88/-.

Great Northern Rails were supported. The Ord. dropped to 14, but the Pref. rose 10/- to 37½, and the Deb. moved up to 70. Great Southern Guaranteed recovered a point to 41.

Dublin Transport Ord. looked sellers, and Alliance Gas Ord. declined to 19/7½, but the Deb. was raised a point to 102.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

* Odd lot. a asked. b bid.
(Previous prices in parentheses.)

GOVERNMENT FUNDS—5 p.c. Second National Loan (under £200) (114) 114; 4½ p.c. Third Loan (110⅞) *110⅞; 3½ p.c. Fourth Loan (under £200) (103⅞) *103⅞; 3½ p.c. Fourth Loan (under £200) (103⅞) 104¼; 4 p.c. Conversion Loan (under £200) (107½) 107¾; 3¼ p.c. Financial Agreement (107⅞) 107⅞; do. (under £200) (107¾) 108 107¾; 4 p.c. Exchequer Bonds (108) *108½; 3¼ p.c. National Security (101) 101; 4½ p.c. Land Bonds (114¾) 114⅞; do. (under £200) (115) 114¾; do. New (109½) 109⅝; 4 p.c. Land Bonds (under £200) (106) 106; 2½ p.c. Consols (82⅞) *83; 3½ p.c. War Loan (105¼) 105.

BANKS—Bank of Ireland (301⅞) 301; National (36/-) *36/-; Provincial Old (36/-) 37/-.

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES—Guinness Ord. (89/-) *88/6 *88/3 *88/-; Power Deb. (21/-) 21/-.

RAILS, TRANSPORT AND GAS—Great Northern Ord. (15) 14½; do. P

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BLUE Cabin Trunk, marked N.E.S. on end, lost on train from Waterford, arriving Westland row 3.30 p.m., 19th December, 1941. Would person who took it by mistake please write E 491, this office?

SITUATIONS VACANT.

ASSISTANT BREWER REQUIRED for Brewery, in provincial town in South of Ireland. Address, stating age, salary required, date available, and full details with regard to past experience, "Z 3340, Brewer," this office. 29 F

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EXPERIENCED GARDENER; wife as KITCHENMAID. Apply Weybridge House Hotel, Weybridge, giving details experience, etc. Cottage available. 28 F

GENERAL MAN, able drive cars; live in; 16/- week; South Co. Dublin. Address "Z 3410, Man," this office. 28 F

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WANTED, capable energetic MAID (Protestant) as WORKING FOREMAN for large farm; understand tillage, engines and machinery, etc.; single or married preferred. Address "Z 3362, Foreman," this office.

WANTED for Co. Meath, COMPANION or MOTHER'S HELP; good needlewoman and cook necessary; nice home. Reply, with full particulars, to E 422, this office. 28 F

WANTED, smart, reliable young MAN, some experience in Manufacture of Polish; state (in confidence) where he gained his experience, his age, and if at present working and salary expected.—E 548, this office. 29 F

WANTED, YARDMAN, married, good milker and know all about cattle and pigs; free house and 35/- a week, no extras. Apply, with copies of references and full particulars of age, family, etc., Colonel Quin, Borleagh, Inch, Co. Wexford.

WORKING HOUSEKEEPER for invalid (Protestant); must be strong and have good references; nice home; city.—E 613, this office.

WANTED, first class COOK or CHEF for city club restaurant; state age, experience, salary. Address "Z 3356, Cook," this office. 29 F

WANTED, Protestant HELP, about 40; all duties, plain cooking; state age, wages, copies references.—E 546, this office.

YOUNG YARDMAN WANTED for private residence, in South Dublin; experienced in care of cows; assist general farm work; good reference essential; state wages. Address "Z 3407, Man," this office. 28 F

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

ACTIVE married Man, R.C. seeks post as Herd; good milker; long experience; well recommended; son work on farm if required. Address "Z 3363, Herd," this office. 27 E

A YOUNG Mother's Help or General.—E 460, this office.

COMPOSING, Pointing, etc.; scaffolding and materials supplied; genuine tradesmen; town or country; moderate.—E 413, this office. 28 F

DOCTOR'S sister, young, educated, seeks position, Secretary or Companion Secretary.—E 572, this office.

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